

THOUSANDS CAST BALLOTS, THOUGH FAR FROM HOME

British Columbia Soldiers Vote in England and Result is Cabled Home

LONDON, Eng.—Soldiers from British Columbia now training or recovering from their wounds in the British Isles were invited this month to record their votes for the candidates seeking the suffrages of the electorate of British Columbia at the general election. It is said there are about 40,000 soldier-electors from the far western Canadian province now in Europe serving the empire and many of these are in London or its immediate vicinity. The results were telegraphed to the authorities in British Columbia.

The recording of these soldiers' votes while they are away from home has aroused much interest in political circles in the British Isles, where there has been much discussion as to how the electors for the Imperial Parliament now serving in the army would be affected in the event of the general election.

Lord Salisbury has introduced a bill to provide for such an emergency. Its clauses provide that every sailor and soldier registered as an elector should receive a copy of the candidates' election address. The commanding officer of the fighting unit would be required to appoint a day for the delivery of the marked ballot papers in the sealed envelopes supplied to his men and these would be forwarded to the electoral officials.

An officer now in the trenches, who, in normal times, is an ardent politician, writes to the newspapers to point out that soldiers have other things to worry about instead of party politics. He says: "If people at home really think that our men are worrying about being temporarily disfranchised they have got the whole show in the wrong perspective. My men are worrying about rats and mosquitoes and pigeons and woolly bears and things like that and if you took a referendum out here you would get about two replies out of a hundred—and they probably would be spoilt votes because the lads express themselves crudely at times. The things they want are home and wives and children and sweethearts and clean clothes and a bath and some English beer—quite simple things like that. Not votes at all. They are quite content to leave all that to the people who are carrying on at home. When you are serving a gun day and night in a place like this it seems ridiculous to think of a Tommy worrying himself about voting. He's too busy sending—and dodging—death."

The politicians, however, appear to think otherwise and continue working up their agitation for the political privileges of the soldier in the trenches.

SOUTH AFRICANS DO GREAT DEEDS TO HOLD TRENCH

LONDON, Eng.—The writer of the following is on the Headquarters Staff, and visited Delville Wood as to his son, reported "wounded and missing." The letter is dated from France, August 8, and gives a very vivid account of the great three days' fight the splendid heroism displayed by the South Africans:

The dead lying in Delville Wood, still unburied when I was there (because burial was impossible under the fire going on.) Men lie in layers. The South African heroes lie underneath.

I wonder whether history will do them justice. Will it tell how, ordered to take hold of the wood at all costs, they took it—and then began one of the most heroic defenses known in the history of war? For three days (July 5-8) they were subjected to continuous bombardment by guns of all calibres. They held on with very little food or water. Over and over again they were attacked by overwhelming enemy forces. The gallant fellows fell fast under the terrific bombardment and attacks, but not a man wavered.

Finding them immovable, the Germans, at last, on the 18th, concentrated a terrible bombardment for seven hours on what was left of these splendid men, and then about 5 to 6 p.m. launched an attack by three regiments, on the survivors. The front trench was attacked in front and on each flank. My son's trench was attacked from back and front.

Our gallant, splendid men, reduced to a mere skeleton of what they were, beat back the Brandenburgers. It was during this awful time that my dear boy fell. They died, our noble South African, but they held the wood! Than God they kept up the traditions of our race! And my splendid boy helped either.

I want our South Africans to get the credit they deserve. If you have any friends who can spread the news of what they did, let it be told. I resign my dear son, who was very, very dear to me, into the safe keeping of my Maker, who gave him to me. It is very hard to part with him, but I glory in his glorious end, my splendid chivalrous boy; and if his example inspires others he will not have died in vain.

Use this letter as you like in order to let the world know what the South Africans did. I want these heroes to have some (they can never have all) of the honour due to their glorious memories. What a theme for some painter's brush or some poet's inspiration.

Mayor Mark M. Egan of Jersey City announces that unless he received sufficient money to run the City Hospital over which he is supervisor, he will close the institution when his appropriation is exhausted.

RUSSIA SHOWS CLEMENCY TO MANY OFFENDERS

LONDON, Eng.—It is reported in Petrograd advices that a well-considered scheme of amnesty to political offenders, at the present under sentence of exile to Northern and Asiatic Russia, will be shortly promulgated under the orders of Emperor Nicholas.

Acting under the extensive powers granted to Minister of the Interior, that official, as indicated in the following letter, has already seen his way to liberate 120 political exiles sent since 1905 by Administrative Order to distant parts of the empire. As distinction from these by the courts: such can be liberated only by the express order of the sovereign. But it is said that the Minister of Justice, under whose jurisdiction these cases come, is with genuine sympathy preparing a scheme of pardon, as large and free as reasonable bounds allow, for the consideration of His Majesty.

The following letter by Mr. Khvostoff, the Minister of Interior has been received during her recent visit to Petrograd by Mrs. Sonia E. Howe, of St. Luke's Vicarage, Finchley, the originator and honorary secretary of the Committee for Relief of Administrative Exiles in Northern Russia and Siberia.

"Dear Madam: Following on our persons discussed I have the honor to inform you that to alleviate the fate of administrative exiles sent by order to the Imperial police regime to distant Governments of Asiatic and European Russia, I have after careful review of their cases made arrangements for liberation of 120 persons of certain categories from exile and police supervision. As regards those exiles which are in Siberia this has been communicated by telegraph to the Governors concerned. Further cases are being considered.

Accept, dear Madam, the assurance of my sincere esteem and devotion. (Signed) A. KHVOSTOFF. To Mrs. Howe, 22, July 5, August, 1916. The office of the Minister of Interior."

SCHOOL BUNGALOW AT PEARL HARBOR TO BE CONSTRUCTED SOON

According to advices received today plans for the new bungalow school house to be erected in the Eva school district at Pearl Harbor for which the board of supervisors at their last regular meeting voted \$500 from the Central Grammar school fund against the advice of the city attorney's office, are being drawn up and construction will start in the near future.

DUBLIN, Ireland.—Official returns show that the Irish egg trade is now amounting to an export of some 840,000,000 eggs a year, which is a large increase over ante-bellum years. Everything is being done to foster the industry.

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The Elks' lodge meets tonight.

Officers of Honolulu Lodge of Perfection practise tonight in the Masonic Temple.

Mystic Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, meets at 7:30 tonight in Pythian hall.

The Hawaiian Historical Society meets in the Library of Hawaii at 7:30 Tuesday night, next week.

Sixty-fifth anniversary ceremonies were held last night by the Rebekah degree in the Odd Fellows' hall on Fort street by the Olive Branch.

An action for the recovery of an alleged debt has been filed in circuit court by Will C. King against Walter J. Seymour.

John Gomes and Joe Ordenstein won first and second prizes, respectively, at the Phoenix lodge pedro tournament Thursday night.

Miss Louise G. Costa and Antonio Deniz Abreu were married Wednesday by Rev. Father Stephen J. Alencastre. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Freitas attended.

The first annual accounts of the Trent Trust Company, guardian of Jose Vieira, a person mentally incompetent, have been approved by Circuit Judge Ashford.

A meeting of the interscholastic league will be held at the Y. M. C. A. at 3:30 o'clock next Monday afternoon. Brother Elmer of St. Louis College is president.

T. Fujita, a graduate from the Stanford university, will speak at the Japanese Buddhist Association, upper Fort street, this evening at 7 o'clock. His subject will be, "Japanese Language and the Roman Type."

The Japanese committee for the celebration of the Emperor Yoshihito's birthday, October 31, will meet at the Japanese Central Institute on Nuuanu street, this evening at 7 o'clock, to decide upon a program.

A typographical error in the article on Mineral Products yesterday made the message from the general manager of April 11 instead of September 11, when he telephoned from the property.

A soldier has written to the Star-Bulletin asking for the address of Samuel Waer or information concerning him. All that is known about Waer is that he lived once at Fortress Monroe, Va.

Exceptions to the master's report on the first annual accounts of the Hawaiian Trust Company, trustee of the estate of the late Robert William Cathart, have been disallowed by Circuit Judge Ashford.

A meeting of school principals, vocational and domestic science instructors and their assistants was to be held this afternoon in the department of public instruction, judiciary building, to discuss problems of shop work and cooking classes.

POLICE NOTES

Nishimura was fined \$25 for playing chefs. Similar cases of Harada and Ah Sun were postponed until Saturday.

Annie White was charged in police court with selling liquor in Twile without a license. Her case was set for next Wednesday.

T. Kono, charged with heedless driving; William Gregor, accused of assault, and Chiochi Fugimoto, accused of threatening, have been dismissed.

Twelve Chinese and 13 Japanese, arrested on charges of gambling in two raids by Chief McDuffie's men Thursday night, will be tried in district court Saturday morning.

J. R. Wilson was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving his machine while under the influence of liquor. Policeman Moses Kauliaulu reports that the auto was in poor control. Wilson will be tried in police court next Wednesday.

The British steamer Quebra has foundered after striking rocks west of the Big Blasket Island, off the coast of Kerry.

The Derby Manufacturing company has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of organization showing a capital of \$300,000.

AGED EMPEROR RISES AT FOUR EVERY MORNING

Frances Joseph at Age of 86
Leads Active Life and
Continues Strong

(By Associated Press)
VIENNA, Austria.—Emperor Francis Joseph spent his third "war-birthday"—August 18—in absolute retirement in his palace at Schoenbrunn, just outside Vienna. Only a special mass in the castle chapel, and a family dinner-party distinguished the day from any other in the monarch's ordinary life. For the rest it was spent as usual, in work from dawn until evening.

His eighty-sixth birthday found the emperor in fairly good health, despite all rumors to the contrary. Statesmen who have seen him lately express astonishment at his mental and bodily vigor, but allowing for some courtier-like exaggeration it is generally believed that the sovereign's health is remarkably good, considering his advanced age, and especially all the worries and burdens resulting from the war.

Rising at four the emperor takes a very light breakfast of tea or chocolate and bread and butter and is at his desk by five. His barber comes three times a week though now he is enrolled in the Landstrum. It happens frequently that he cannot come at the proper time, having guard duty, but the emperor has ordered that nothing is to interfere with his military duties. He arrives at the castle in uniform but puts on a dress coat before going to the emperor.

At 7 o'clock the first adjutant in waiting appears with reports and state papers, and any day after that hour audiences are granted to ministers and high military personages. Work goes on steadily all the day interrupted only by the briefest pauses for meals.

Naturally the customary rejoicings on the occasion of the emperor's birthday throughout the country have been greatly curtailed by the war. In Vienna a high mass at the cathedral, attended by all the prominent state and municipal personages, followed by a state dinner at the Cardinal Archbishop's and the firing of a salute at the arsenal, are the chief items on the program. Usually great crowds flocked to the prater which was illuminated in the evening, but this year the population was in little mood for such festivities, and the crowds were far smaller than in other years.

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Eight persons were killed and many injured in a collision on the Oceanic Railroad, near Mexico City. The steamboat Clemont, Keansburg, N. J., went aground near West Bank Lighthouse.

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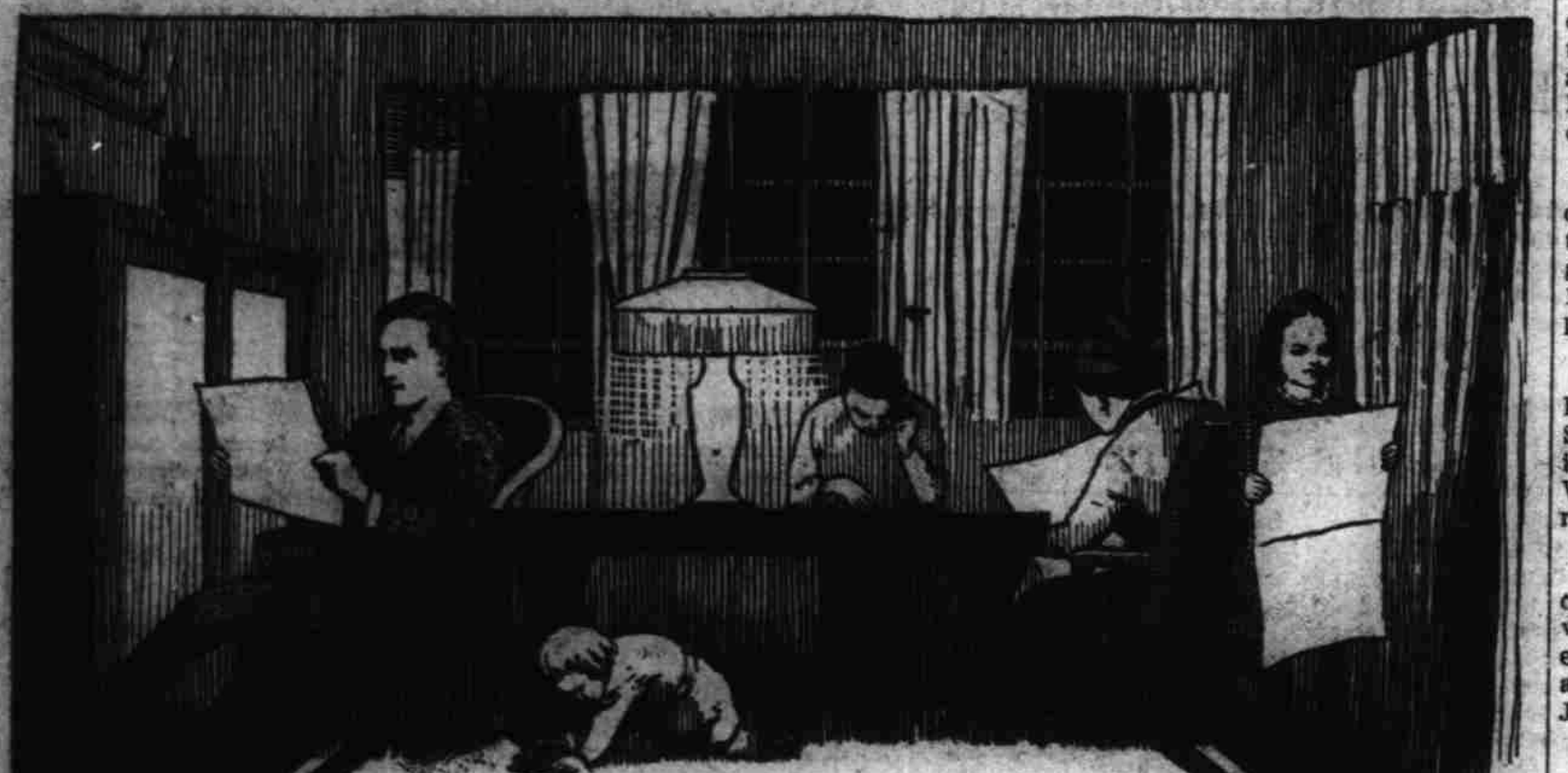
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